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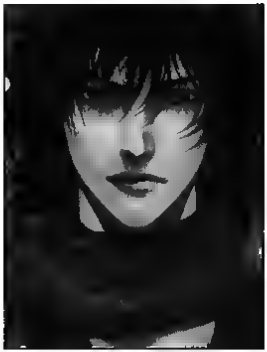

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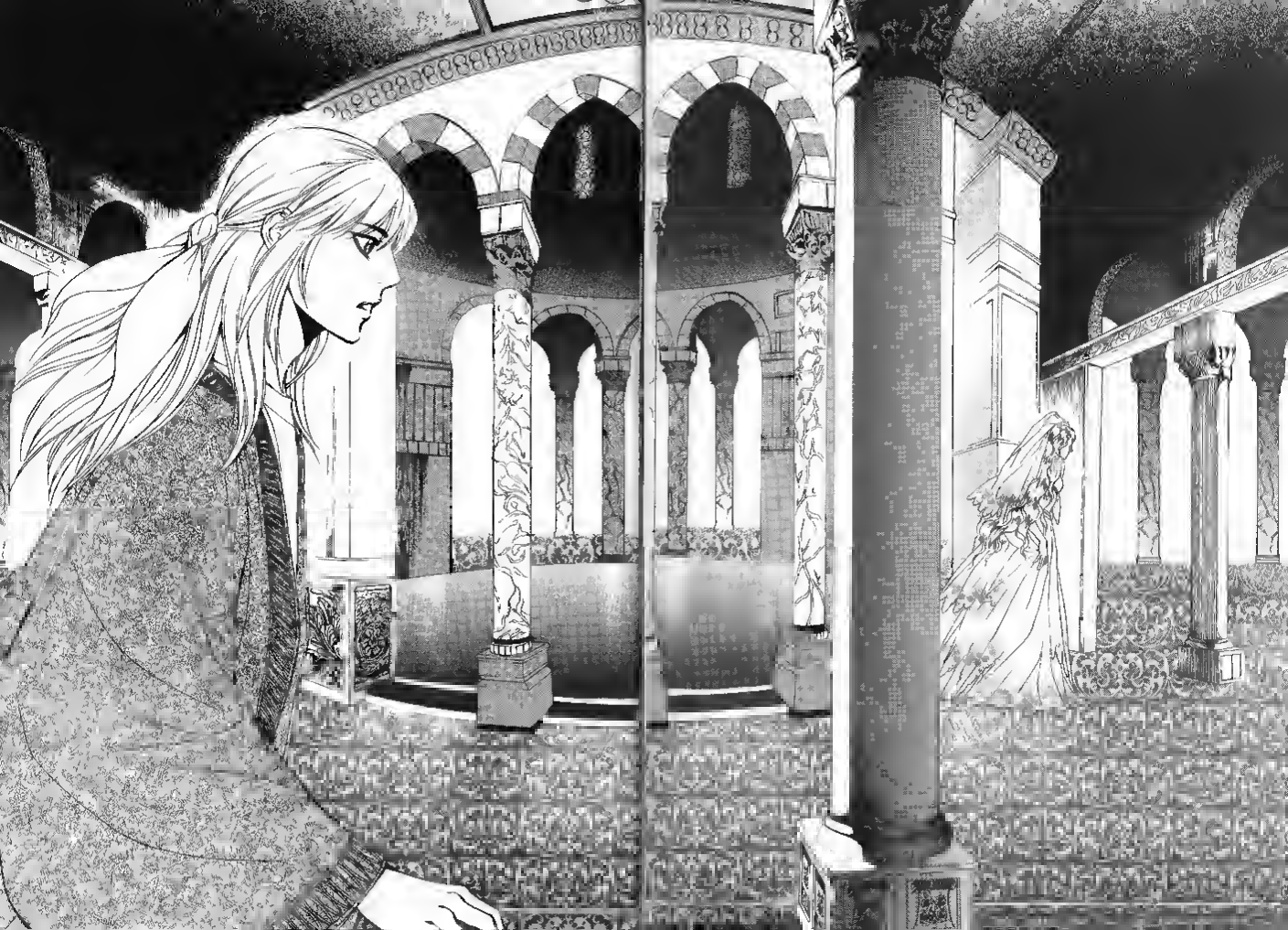
WHAT'S FATIMA DOING HERE?!



I'M SURE SHE WAS JUST HERE...
WHERE DID SHE GO?

THIS PAINTING IS
LIKE THE ONE I SAW IN HIS ROOM
SHUDDER
WHAT
WOLF
IS GOING ON HERE?

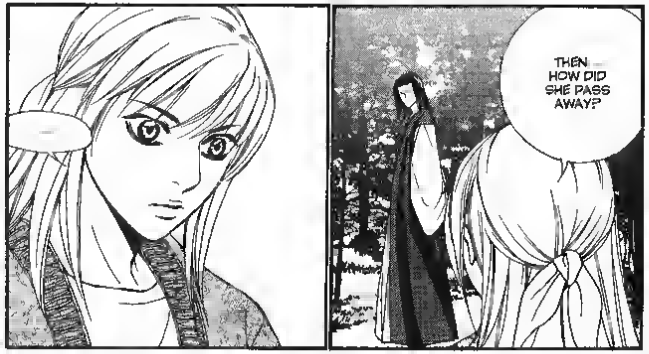
DID YOU HAVE A GOOD REST LAST NIGHT?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS

GO AHEAD
THE PAINTING HANGING IN THE WEST HALL...
...IS THE SAME PAINTING I SAW IN SULTAN SHAHRYAR'S ROOM
MAY I ASK WHO THE LADY IS IN THE PAINTING?
THAT IS OUR MOTHER'S PORTRAIT...
SHE PASSED AWAY MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
OY WHOO-
-OOSH
YOU'VE GONE PALE...
DID YOU SEE A GHOST OR SOMETHING LAST NIGHT?

WHAT KIND OF
PERSON WAS SHE?
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT HER. SHE DIED WHEN I WAS YOUNG...
BUT I REMEMBER THAT SHE WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL

SHE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY.
I WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHAT DEATH WAS BACK THEN BUT...
...HER PASSING WAS A TREMENDOUS SHOCK TO MY BROTHER.

HE BECAME A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON AFTER THE DEATH OF OUR MOTHER


THEN... HOW DID SHE PASS AWAY?

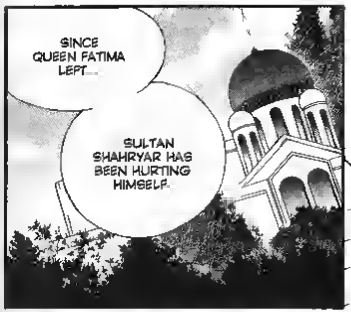
MUST I BE THE ONE TO TELL YOU THAT?

WHY DON'T YOU ASK MY BROTHER INSTEAD?

SULTAN SHAHRYAR IS—
—SICK IN HIS HEART

"SICK IN HIS HEART"?
YOU MEAN THE GIRLS HE KILLS EACH NIGHT?

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY MY BROTHER IS CRAZY?


SINCE QUEEN FATIMA LEFT—
SULTAN SHAHRYAR HAS BEEN HURTING HIMSELF.

IF HE DOESN'T STOP, THEN—

ANSWER MY QUESTION!

I ASKED YOU IF SHAHRYAR IS CRAZY.

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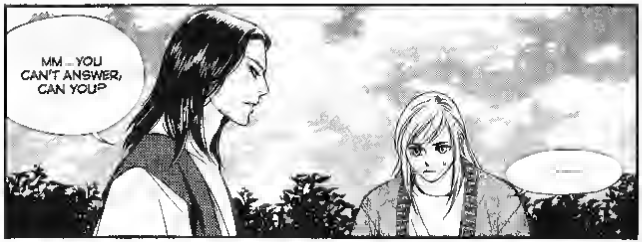

MM... YOU CAN'T ANSWER, CAN YOU?
...

HE WROTE ME TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO GUARD AGAINST

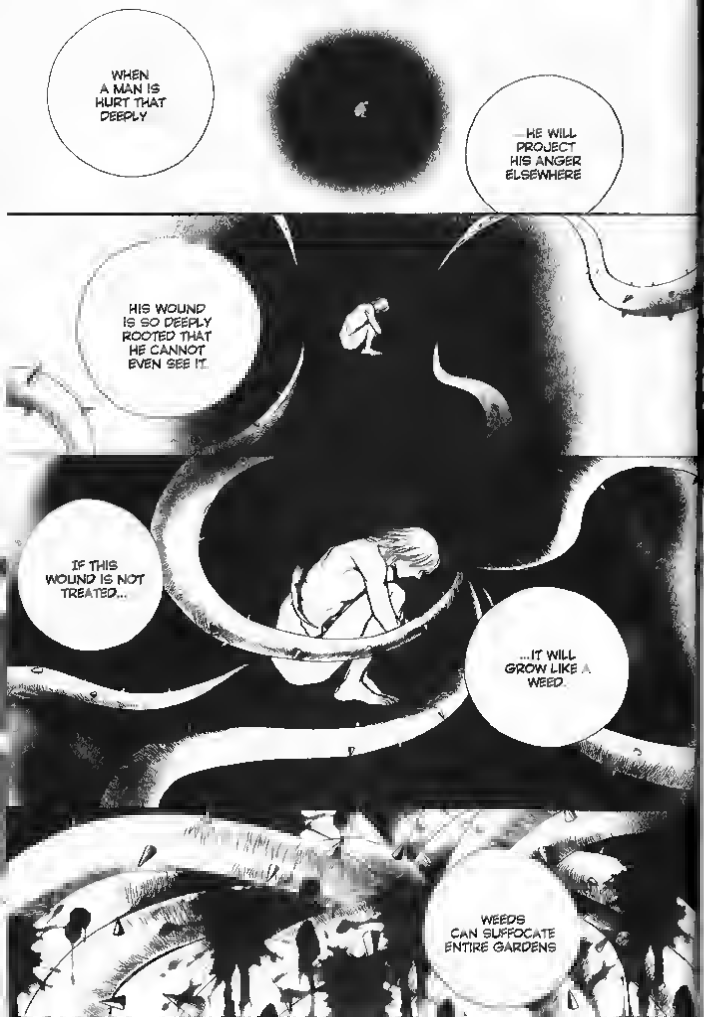
...POSSIBLE ATTACK FROM THE WEST

THIS IS ABOUT PROTECTING HIS SULTANATE, RIGHT?
.....
BUT THIS ATTACK BY CRUSADERS IS ALL A LIE, ISN'T IT?

I WILL...

...CURE SULTAN SHAHRYAR.
I SWEAR IT!

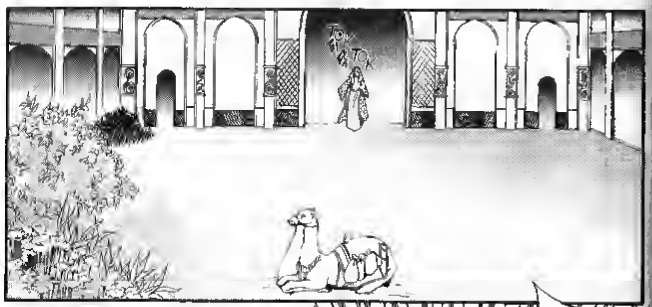
I HEARD SULTAN SHAHRYAR IS THE WAY HE IS...
...BECAUSE OF QUEEN FATIMA'S INFIDELITY

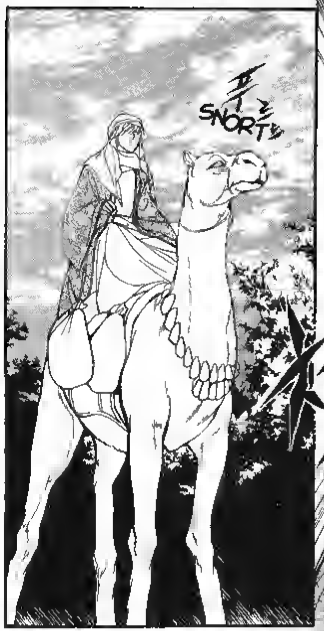

WHEN A MAN IS HURT THAT DEEPLY
...HE WILL PROJECT HIS ANGER ELSEWHERE
HIS WOUND IS SO DEEPLY ROOTED THAT HE CANNOT EVEN SEE IT.
IF THIS WOUND IS NOT TREATED...
...IT WILL GROW LIKE A WEED.
WEEDS CAN SUFFOCATE ENTIRE GARDENS

I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT SULTAN SHAHRYAR HATES ALL WOMEN BECAUSE OF THE DECEPTION AND BETRAYAL OF ONE WOMAN.
HE MUST HAVE AN EVEN DEEPER WOUND THAN QUEEN FATIMA.
SHE IS JUST A CATALYST UNCOVERING AN OLDER AND DEEPER WOUND.

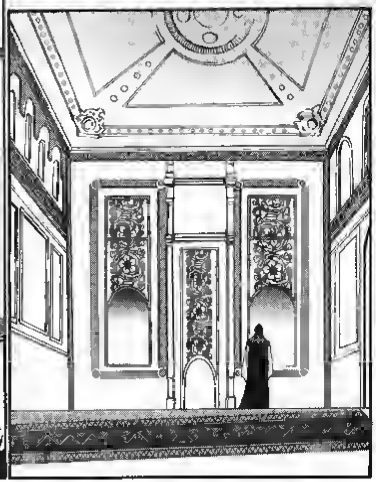
THE ROOT OF SULTAN SHAHRYAR'S WOUND...
...MUST HAVE BEEN PLANTED BY YOUR MOTHER WHEN HE WAS A CHILD.
...THAT WHICH GREW INTO THIS HATRED TOWARD ALL WOMEN...

SUCH GRAVE WORDS COMING FROM A PRETTY FACE
FINE, I WILL TELL YOU...
WHAT HAPPENED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO



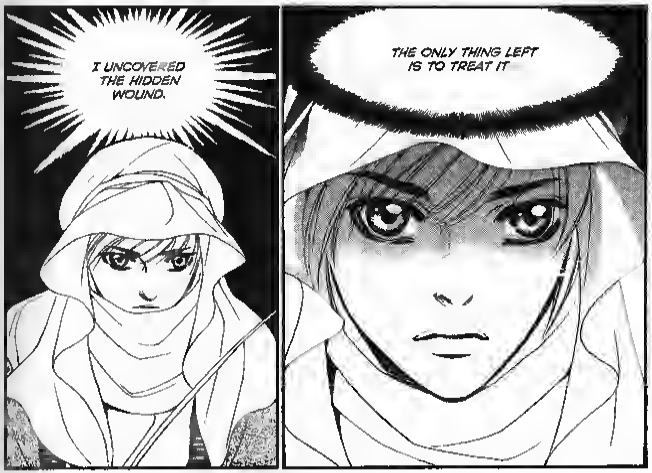

SNORT

GIDDYUP!
WHA.
K.K.
CHAK

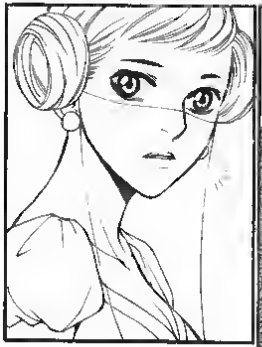


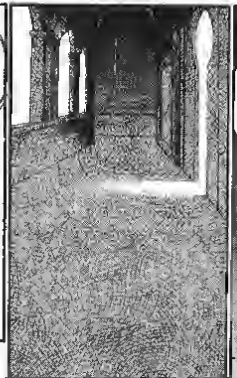
FATIMA...
WHO WAS...
—THAT MAN?
SOMEONE WITH
VERY INTERESTING THINGS TO SAY

YES. IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW.

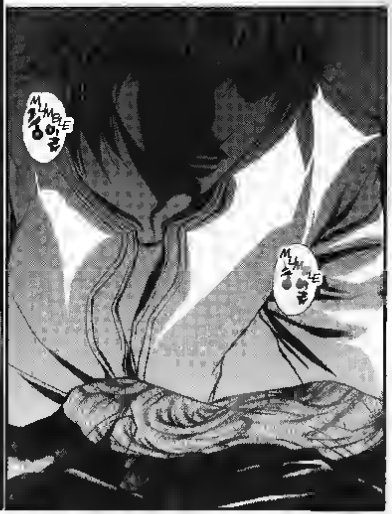

I UNCOVERED THE HIDDEN WOUND.
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO TREAT IT

...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!





SULTAN SHAHRYAR?


MMMM

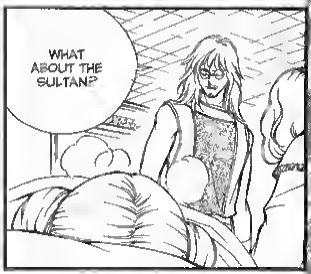
...?!

WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN THE DARK?

OH!
SUL-SULTAN SHAHRYAR!
AIEEEEEEEE!!

DUNYA.
HOW ARE YOU?
SEHARA!

AND HOW IS THE SULTAN?



*MIR: A TITLE OF NOBILITY HISTORICALLY USED IN ISLAMIC NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

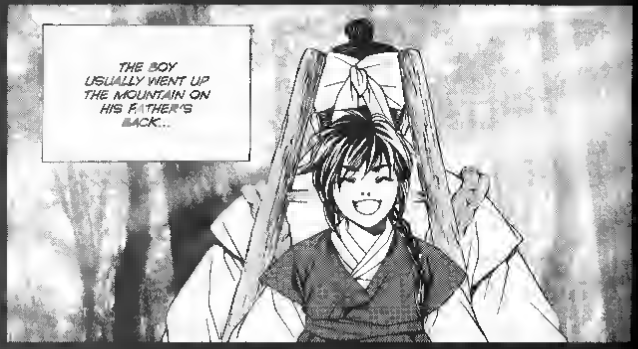
SE...HARA.
YOU HAVE RETURNED SAFELY

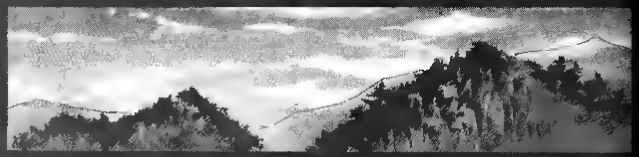
UNTIE...
...ME
RIGHT AWAY, MASTER!
TAP

DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING?
DAMN.
SEHARA.
YES?
TELL ME...
. A STORY.

I WISHED I HAD A FATHER FIGURE TO SHARE HIS WISDOM OF THE WORLD WITH ME
I WAS SO ENVIOUS OF CHILDREN WHO LOOKED UP TO THEIR FATHERS!
I PROBABLY TURNED TO BOOKS BECAUSE I HAD NO FATHER IN MY LIFE...

I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY ABOUT A BOY...
...WHOM I ENVIED SO MUCH BECAUSE OF HIS ADMIRATION FOR HIS FATHER
THERE ONCE WAS A BOY WHO LIVED NEAR A MOUNTAIN.
HE DREAMT OF GROWING BIG AND STRONG LIKE HIS FATHER, THE WOODSMAN


THE BOY USUALLY WENT UP THE MOUNTAIN ON HIS FATHER'S BACK...



...AND HELD HIS HAND AS HE CARRIED TIMBER BACK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

HIS KIND AND BEAUTIFUL MOTHER WOULD ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR THEM WITH FOOD...

HE ALSO HAD A NEWBORN SISTER WHO WAS VERY CUTE.

THE BOY LIVED A MODEST BUT HAPPY LIFE BECAUSE OF HIS LOVING FAMILY.

CHAK
OOPS..!

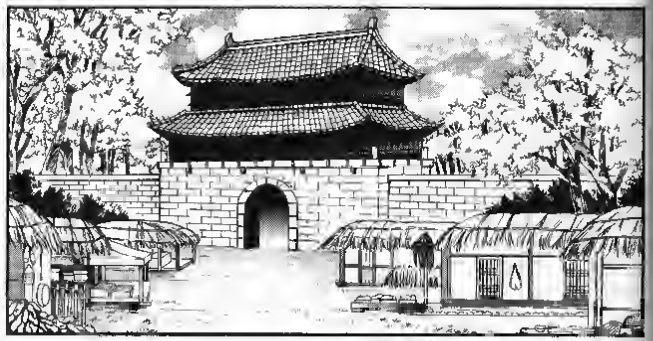
HA-HA-HA! BE CAREFUL.
WHUMP
OUCH!
HOW CAN YOU SWING SUCH A HEAVY AX SO EASILY?
I CAN'T EVEN HOLD IT PROPERLY.
SCRAPE
SCRAPE

WILL I BE STRONG LIKE YOU WHEN I'M OLDER?
IF YOU LISTEN TO ME AND YOUR MOTHER
SWING!

YOU'LL BE TEN YEARS OLD SOON, HUH?
YUP! FIVE MORE DAYS!

I WANT TO BUY YOU A GIFT, SO LET'S GO TO THE MARKET TOMORROW

WOW! YOU'RE THE BEST!
WHOO-
-OOMP



KLANG
KLANGO

WOW!
KLEEAK
KLEEAK

LOOK AT YOU! SO BIG NOW!

HERE
HUZZAH!
KLANG!
KLANG

THIS IS THE BEST KIND OF WOOD FOR AN AX HANDLE
KLEEAK
KLEEAK

YOU CAN PAY ME BY MAKING A SMALL AX FOR MY SON
WIGGLE
FATHER! THANK YOU!
WHAT A GOOD SON! MINE SAYS.
...IT'S TOO HOT IN HERE TO HELP ME!
LET'S SEE...
OH, I KNOW JUST THE THING.
I'LL HAVE TO MODIFY THE HANDLE SO...
...COME BACK IN TWO DAYS.
I STILL HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO DO
STAY HERE AND WATCH THE SHOW, OKAY?
OKAY.

WOW...
OOPS!
WHAT A COOL-LOOKING MAN.
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S FROM AROUND HERE.
CAUGHT ME STARING!

HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
BA-BUMP
CHILD...
CAN I TALK TO YOU?
I'M NOT A CHILD.
AND MY FATHER TOLD ME NOT TO TALK TO STRANGERS
HOLD ON!
TAK

LOOK INTO MY EYES!

WHAT?
HE'S WEIRD...
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT HIM!

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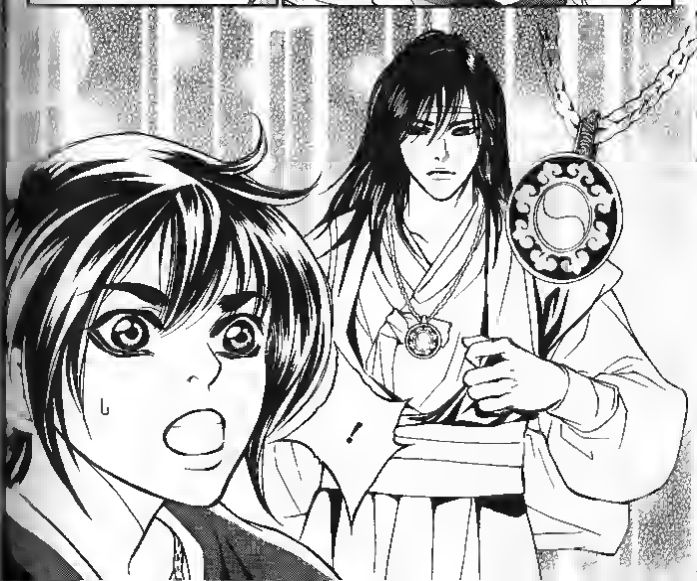
THAT NECKLACE...
WHAT?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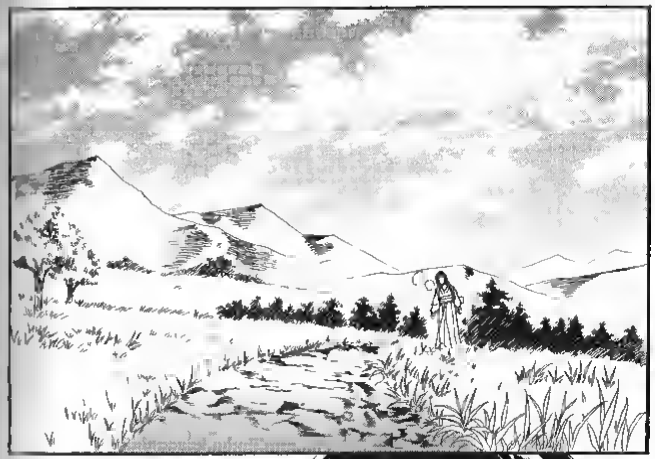
IT'S...
THE SAME AS MINE?
WHO GAVE YOU...
THAT NECKLACE?

I.. I DON'T KNOW!
WAIT! DON'T GO!

WHY AM I...
SO SCARED?



CLENCH

WHERE DID YOU GO?
WHAT IF I HADN'T FOUND YOU?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITHOUT ME AND YOUR MOTHER?
QUIVER
떠
QUIVER
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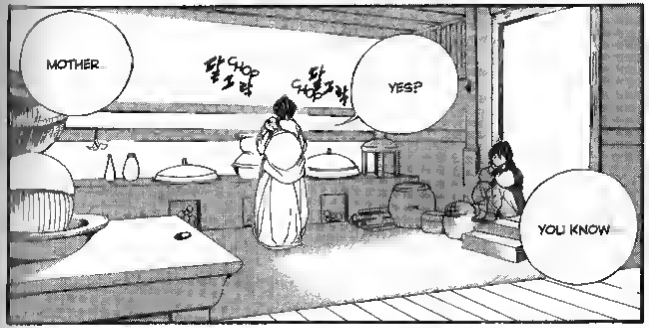
DON'T DO THAT AGAIN, OKAY?
NOD
끄덕
YOUR MOTHER MUST BE WORRIED.
LET'S HURRY HOME.


MOTHER.
탁 CHOP
탁 CHOP
YES?
YOU KNOW...

...I MET A MAN AT THE MARKET.
AND HE HAD THE SAME NECKLACE AS ME.
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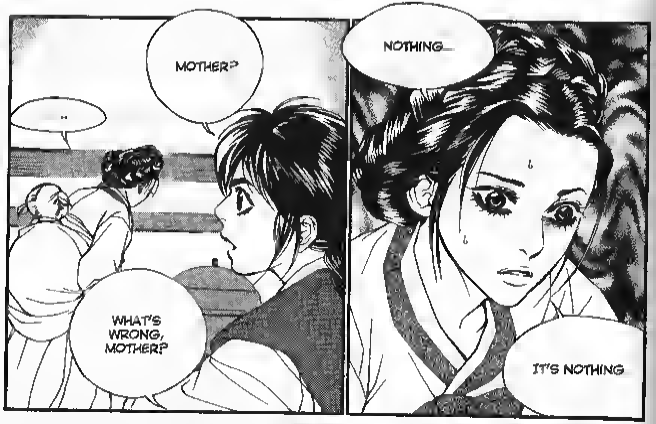
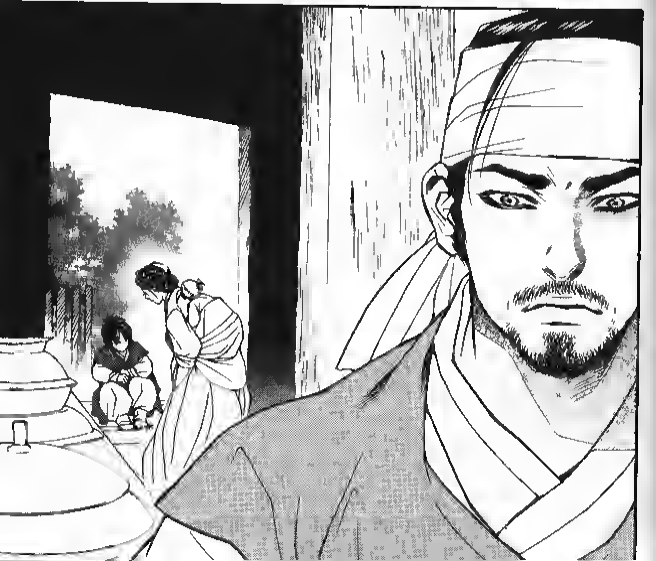




NIGHT STORY 4

THE MOTHER AND THE WOODSMAN

THE DEER WAS SO THANKFUL TO THE KIND WOODSMAN...
FOR SAVING HER FROM THE HUNTER, THAT SHE TOLD HIM THE LOCATION OF THE POND WHERE ANGELS COME DOWN TO BATHE

THE WOODSMAN WENT TO THE POND AND SURE ENOUGH SAW AN ANGEL BATHING IN THE WATER

HE THOUGHT THE ANGEL WAS AS BEAUTIFUL AS ANY STAR IN THE SKY IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

AND SO THE WOODSMAN...

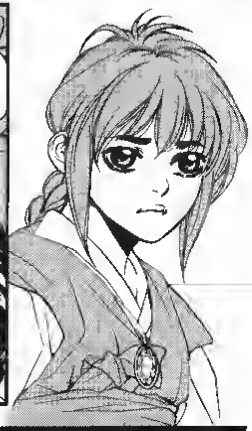
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

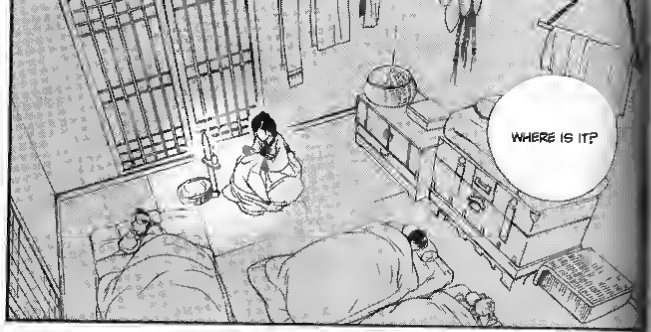
MOTHER?

YOU STARTLED ME!
YOU'RE SO EARLY WHERE'S YOUR FATHER?
I'M HUNGRY, SO I WENT AHEAD

HANG ON DINNER IS ALMOST READY

WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FOR?
HMP NOTHING




WHERE IS IT?

WHAT...?
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT

FWW-H?
-OOP

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS AGAIN?
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
I JUST...
...WANT TO KNOW.

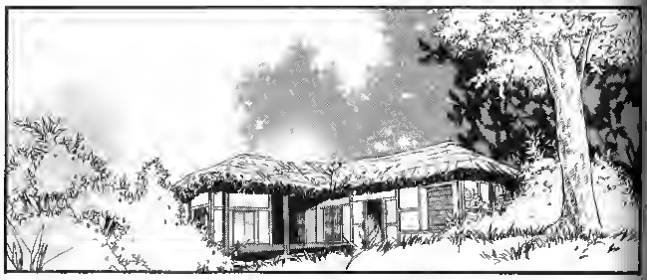
DEAR...
I'M JUST A HUMBLE WOODSMAN BUT...

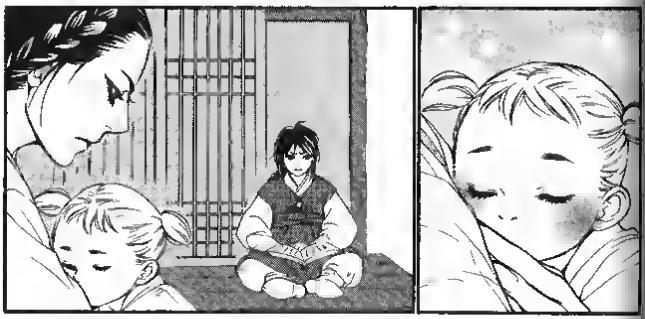
...I DO MY BEST TO MAKE YOU AND OUR CHILDREN HAPPY
HAPPY

WE'VE BEEN DOING WELL
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU
I LOVE YOU
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, FATHER?
I HAVE TO GO TO TOWN.
YOU WORK SO HARD ON THE MOUNTAIN BUT--
MOTHER IS STUPID

!
GRAB
YOUR MOTHER WORKS HARD AT HOME FOR US
DON'T FORGET THAT.
..
MOTHER IS IN A BAD MOOD SO TAKE CARE OF HER, OKAY?
..

MOTHER ISN'T LEAVING US, IS SHE?
OF COURSE NOT.
SHE WON'T GO ANYWHERE.
EVER—

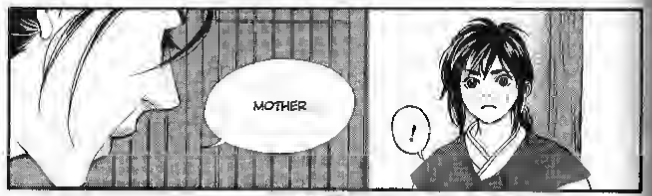




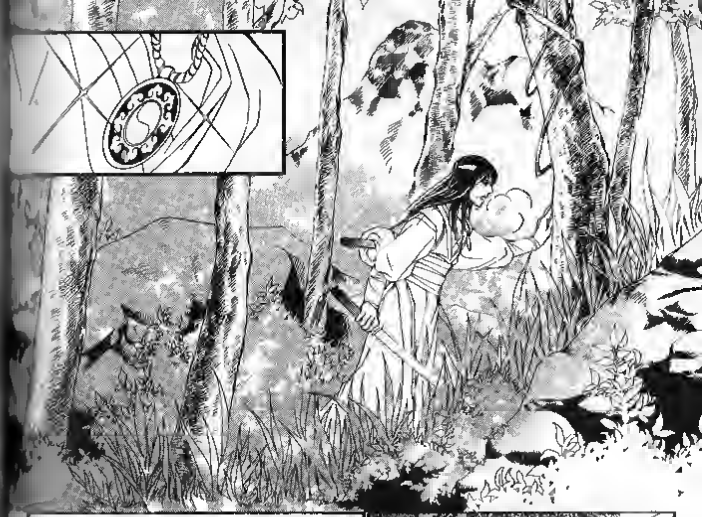
DO YOU LOVE THE BABY MORE?
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A SILLY THING?
I LOVE BOTH YOU AND YOUR SISTER EQUALLY

THEN WHAT ABOUT FATHER?

DON'T YOU LOVE HIM?

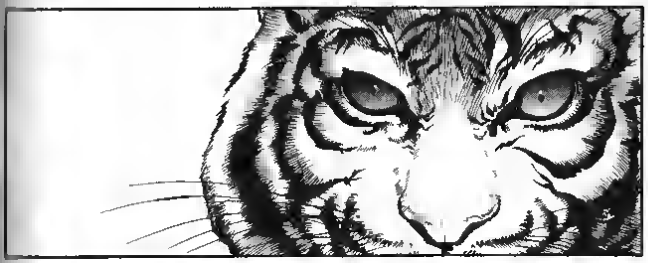

MOTHER
!

...WILL ALWAYS LOVE THE MAN...
WHO GAVE ME YOU



SHH-
-HHK

THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY BUT



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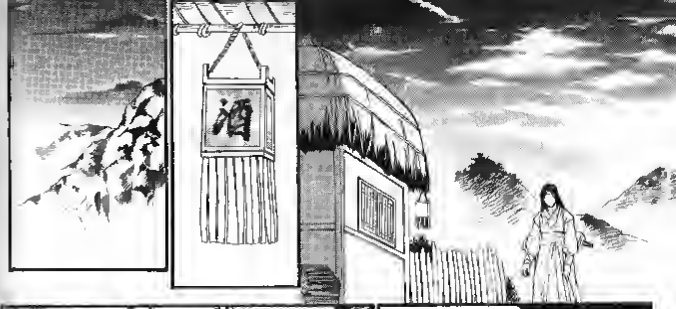
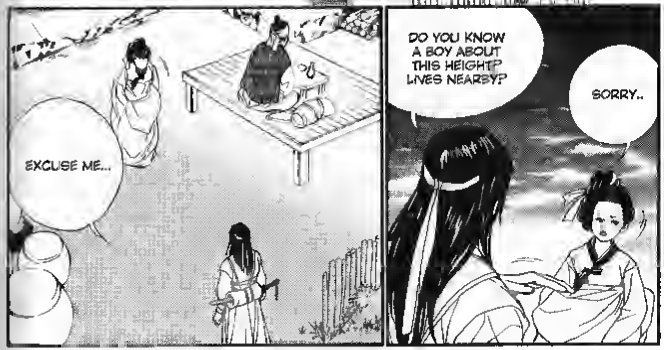
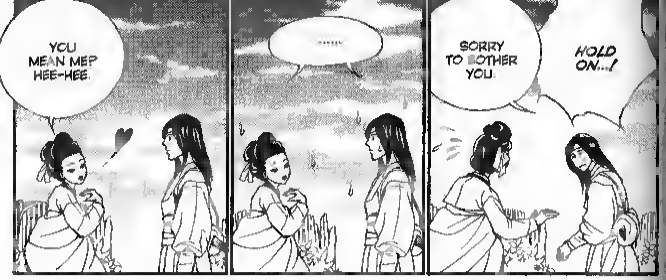
OH

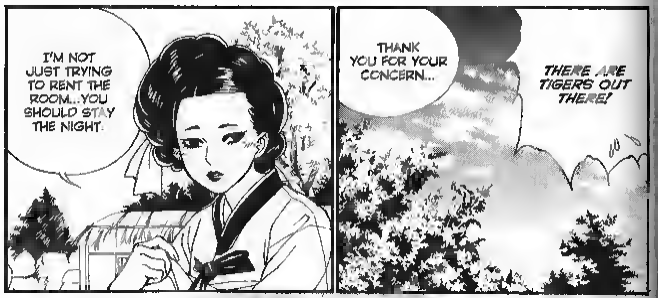
THANK YOU..




EXCUSE ME...
DO YOU KNOW A BOY ABOUT THIS HEIGHT? LIVES NEARBY?
SORRY..

THEN... HAVE YOU SEEN A WOMAN...
ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD AND...
...VERY BEAUTIFUL?


YOU MEAN MEP HEE-HEE.
.....
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
HOLD ON...!


I'M NOT JUST TRYING TO RENT THE ROOM...YOU SHOULD STAY THE NIGHT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN...
THERE ARE TIGERS OUT THERE!

I KNOW.
I'VE ALREADY MET ONE.

FATHER!
MY SON!
HUP LI!
AH HUP!

YUCK! YOU SMELL LIKE DRINK!

IT'S A BIT EARLY BUT... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
WOW! YOU'RE THE BEST!
CAREFUL! DON'T GET HURT!

MY DEAR...

...WIFE AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD!
I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TOO
HOW'S THIS? YOU DESERVE SOME NICE CLOTHES

WELL, TRY IT.
I WILL. LATER

COME ON, I BOUGHT THIS...
...TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.

SO, TRY IT ON FOR ME!

DON'T TOUCH ME!

SMAK

I'M SORRY.

!

WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES?
PLEASE GIVE ME MY CLOTHES BACK

I'M... SORRY.

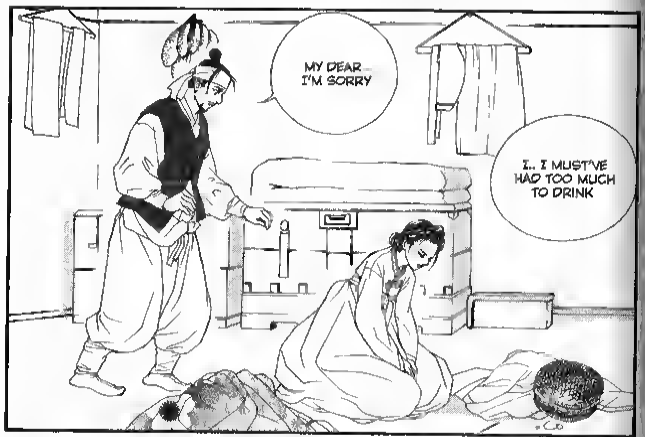
PLEASE.
I CAN'T GO BACK HOME IF I DON'T HAVE THEM
OKAY, I'LL... RETURN THEM
...BUT FIRST...
...YOU MUST...
...DO ME A FAVOR.

BE MY WIFE.

PARDON?

I...WILL...
HUH?
...MAKE YOU HAPPY...
GO AWAY!

GET OFF ME!
AND THAT'S HOW...THE WOODSMAN MADE THE ANGEL HIS WIFE.


MY DEAR I'M SORRY
I.. I MUST'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK

IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE ME

AS LONG AS SHE COULD HAVE YOUR CHILD
AND DO HOUSEWORK

IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO SHE WAS, RIGHT?

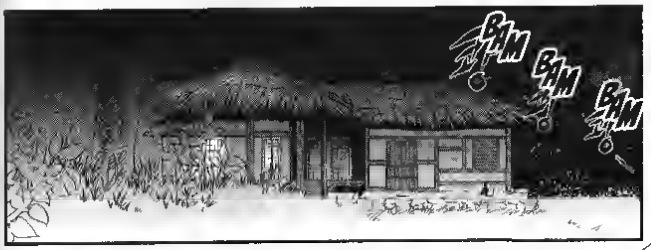
IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS
LET ME GO NOW

RETURN THEM TO ME...

I DON'T HAVE THEM

.....
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I BURNED THEM...
...A LONG TIME AGO.
YOU'RE MY WIFE, THE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN.
THAT WON'T EVER CHANGE...
I WON'T LET YOU...
...GO ANYWHERE


BAM
BAM
BAM

BAM
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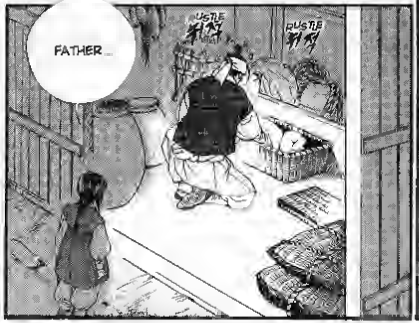
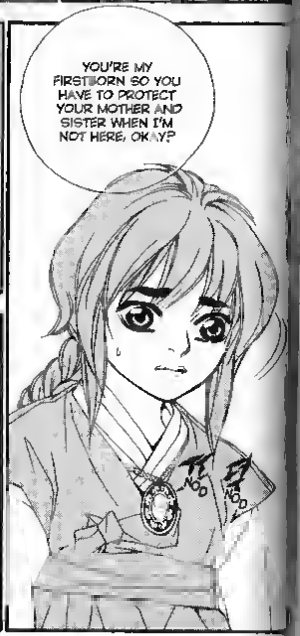
LET ME OUT!
BAM
BAM
OPEN THIS DOOR, YOU MONSTER!
BAM

AAAAAH!
BAM
BAM


FATHER...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.


YOU'RE MY FIRSTBORN SO YOU HAVE TO PROTECT YOUR MOTHER AND SISTER WHEN I'M NOT HERE, OKAY?
NOD
NOD

WE'RE NOT FIGHTING SO—
—DON'T WORRY.

SOB!
WAAH OH
WAAH OH
WAAH OH

MOTHER?
WAAH OH
WAAH OH

CAN YOU OPEN THIS?
WAAH!
WAAH!
FATHER NAILED IT SHUT.
BREAK IT DOWN WITH YOUR AX.
YOU CAN DO IT, RIGHT?
NO...
...I WON'T OPEN IT.
SNIFF
HE SAID NOT TO OPEN IT...
!

IF I OPEN IT, YOU'LL LEAVE!
YOU WILL LEAVE US AND WON'T COME BACK!
...

LISTEN CAREFULLY...
...TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

IS THAT IT...?

SHIKI

CHAK
CHAK
TUNG
!!

KLINK
KLINK
CHAK

WHUD
!
CHAK

WELL, WELL.
I THOUGHT I CAUGHT A WILD PIG BUT.

I'M HERE TO...
...FIND MY FIANCÉE WHO DISAPPEARED TEN YEARS AGO...
LIAR!
DON'T LIE TO ME!

IT'S NOT... A LIE...
BEFORE I MET YOUR FATHER...
...I WAS PROMISED TO SOMEONE ELSE
THE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING...
...I CAME TO THIS MOUNTAIN TO TAKE A BATH

THAT'S WHERE I MET YOUR FATHER.
BUT, YOU LOVE HIM, RIGHT?
RIGHT?
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WOULD ALWAYS LOVE THE MAN WHO MADE ME...
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FIANCÉE?

I'M SORRY BUT SHE'S MY WIFE NOW...
SHE JUST HAD MY SECOND CHILD

AS THE FATHER OF A FAMILY...

...I HAVE TO...
...PROTECT MY WIFE AND MY CHILDREN

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND ME

I SEE...

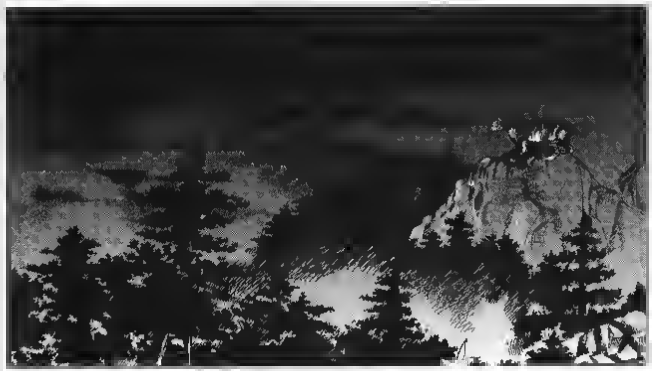
I'LL BE OKAY, NOW THAT I KNOW SHE'S DOING ALL RIGHT...

PLEASE.
...MAKE HER HAPPY

!!
CHI.
CHHHK
ARGH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!
NOT JUST AS A FATHER
BUT AS A MAN, I CAN'T LET YOU GO

AAAAAH!
!
GRRR



WHO WAS THAT?
IT WASN'T FATHER...

HURRY! OPEN THIS!
SKRTCH
SKRTCH

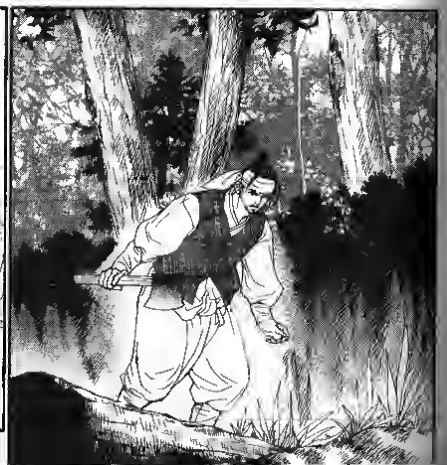
COME ON! HURRY!
MOTHER...

KAI
HMPH
THAT WITCH!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM MY MOUNTAIN?
ONCE YOU SET FOOT ON THIS MOUNTAIN..
...YOU WERE BOUND TO ME!
ME ME ME
ME ME ME
FOREVER!

One thousand and one nights

DI-KRAK
!



SNIFF.
!

OH, NO.
NOT NOW...

DON'T CRY
NOW!

DO YOU WANT ME TO TRY?
!!

THUD

RUSTLE
WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH OUR CHILDREN?

ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK FOR THE MAN WITH THE PRETTY FACE?

THINK WISELY. IF YOU FOLLOW ME, I'LL FORGIVE YOU.

BECAUSE I'M A GENEROUS MAN

GET AWAY FROM HER.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE MY HAND BACK...
...BUT I MUST HAVE HER BACK

I'M TEN YEARS LATE...
I'M SORRY...
WHY...
...DIDN'T YOU COME BACK?
YOU LOST YOUR CLOTHES BUT YOU HAD THE NECK-LACE

ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T LEAVE...
...I WANTED TO SEND HIM TO YOU.
THEN THAT BOY IS—!
HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH
MWA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

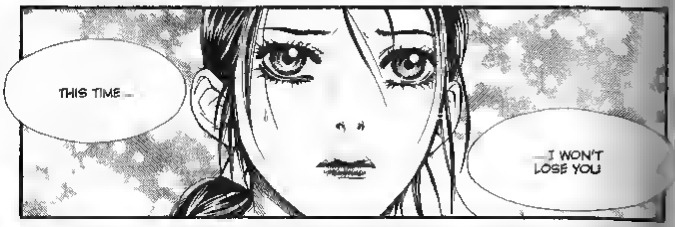
THIS IS RICH...
HE ISN'T MY SON...
WOOSH
FATHER...
I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU WANTED TO BE A WOODSMAN LIKE ME.
I HATED BEING A WOODSMAN LIKE MY FATHER
GET AWAY FROM HIM!
AFTER YOU WERE BORN--
...WHEN YOU FIRST CALLED ME FATHER...
...I WAS SO HAPPY...
EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T LOOK LIKE ME...
...I WANTED TO BELIEVE THAT...
.....
...YOU WERE MY SON...
...MY BLOOD.

I WANTED TO BELIEVE IT!
NO!

KLAK
!
RUN

BUT I CAN'T TAKE THIS...
DON'T WORRY
I'LL FOLLOW...

LET'S FINISH THIS BUSINESS


THIS TIME...
...I WON'T LOSE YOU

OWAOOH
WAAHOOH

MOTHER...
TOK
TOK
TOK

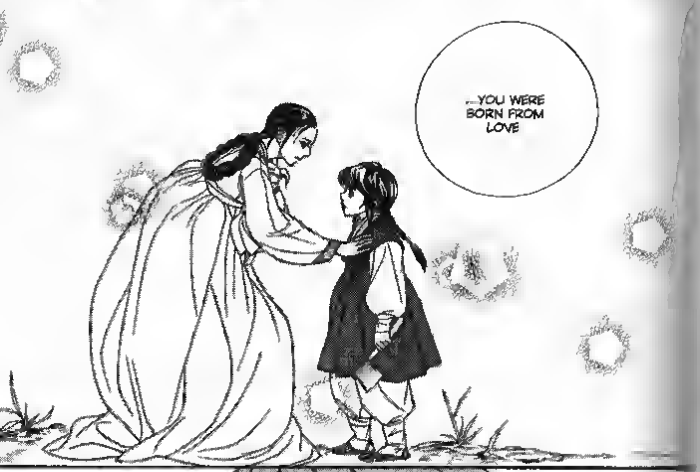
WAAOOH
TOK
WAAAHH
TOK
MOTHER...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH FATHER?
HUH?

LET'S GO BACK AND TELL HIM WE'RE SORRY.
IF WE TELL HIM WE'RE SORRY, HE'LL FORGIVE US, NO?

AND WHAT DID HE MEAN I'M NOT HIS SON?

LISTEN CAREFULLY
NO MATTER WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY


...YOU WERE BORN FROM LOVE

DON'T FORGET THAT...
...NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, OKAY?

WHAT A GOOD MOTHER YOU ARE
!
YOU'VE LIED TO ME FOR TEN YEARS ABOUT MY SON...

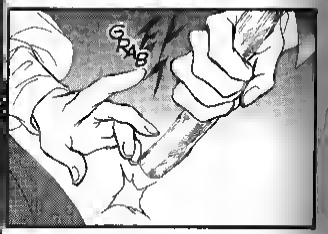
WHO'S THE FATHER OF THE CRYING ONE?
WAH
WAH
YOU CALL YOURSELF AN ANGEL? YOU'RE A WHORE...

DID YOU...
...KILL HIM?

MURDERER!

I SENT HIM TO HEAVEN WITH MY BARE HANDS
키득 HEH
키득 HEH

HOW COULD YOU?
YOU MADE MY LIFE MISERABLE AND NOW...!


GRAB

URK!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
AM I NOTHING TO YOU BECAUSE I'M JUST A HUMBLE WOODSMAN?

I LOVED YOU SO MUCH!
GULP
HOK
SHUDDER

I WAS SO GOOD TO YOU!

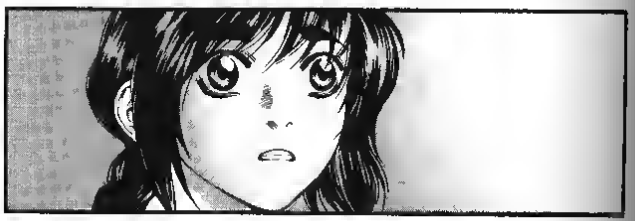
HOW COULD YOU LIE TO ME?

I...

SHIVER
SHIVER

WOBBLE
HOW...
...COULD YOU?
UH...AH...

FATHER...
STABBED ME...
...WITH THIS AX?
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
I'M SORRY...
SHUDDER



KOFF
KOFF

Hm...

HAP...

...HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
THUD
MOTHER
WAAH
OH
WAAH
MOTHER
WAAH
OH
WAAH
OH
WAAH
OH
WAAH
OH
WAAH
OH

MOTHER— WAKE UP—
WAAH OH
WAAH OH
THE BABY IS CRYING—
WAAH OH
WAKE UP— MOTHER

MOTHER...!

HUFF
HUFF
SHAHRYAR?

WHH-
-UMP

YOU HAD A BAD DREAM.

SNIFF
PAT
PAT
...DREAMT THAT YOU LEFT ME

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, RIGHT?
PAU
SE

OF COURSE NOT I'M GOING TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER
REALLY?
NOD
HA-HA
YOU'RE TEN BUT STILL A BABY
YOUR HIGHNESS, THIS WAY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
!

LIAR
YOU PROMISED NOT TO LEAVE ME BUT...
SHAHRYAR— I'M—
WHATEVER.
FATHER IS REALLY ANGRY TOO.
WHAT?
WHO...
!
THAK
THAK

DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU'RE A QUEEN?
SMAK
SMAK
HOW COULD YOU LEAVE YOUR HUSBAND AND CHILDREN...
SMAK
...FOR SUCH A LOWLY MAN?
SMAK
SMAK

FATHER! STOP IT!
DON'T HURT HER!

SHUFF

OFF WITH HER HEAD.

MOTHER...?

I LOVE YOU...
SHAHRYAR...

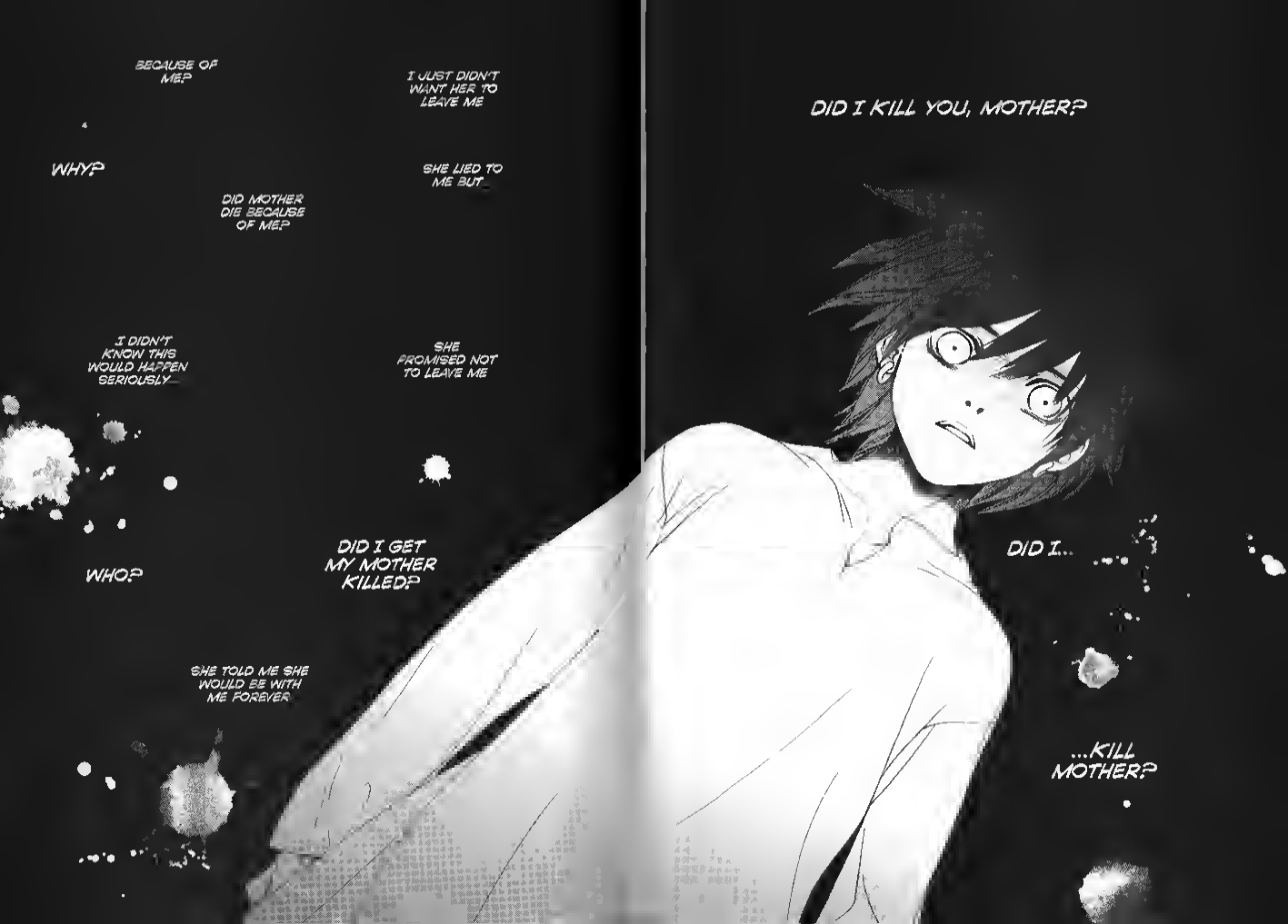
SHAHRYAR!
DON'T LOOK!

SHH-
-CHUK

IS THIS REAL?

IS SHE...?

WHY?


BECAUSE OF ME?
I JUST DIDN'T WANT HER TO LEAVE ME
WHY?
SHE LIED TO ME BUT...
DID MOTHER DIE BECAUSE OF ME?
I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN SERIOUSLY...
SHE PROMISED NOT TO LEAVE ME
WHO?
DID I GET MY MOTHER KILLED?
SHE TOLD ME SHE WOULD BE WITH ME FOREVER
DID I KILL YOU, MOTHER?
DID I...
...KILL MOTHER?

WELL DONE, SHAHRYAR.

A FILTHY WOMAN WHO CHEATS ON HER HUSBAND DESERVES TO DIE.

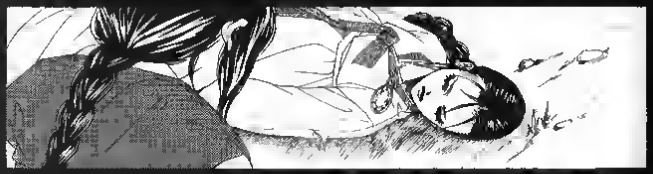
AFTER HEARING THAT...
...I WAS...

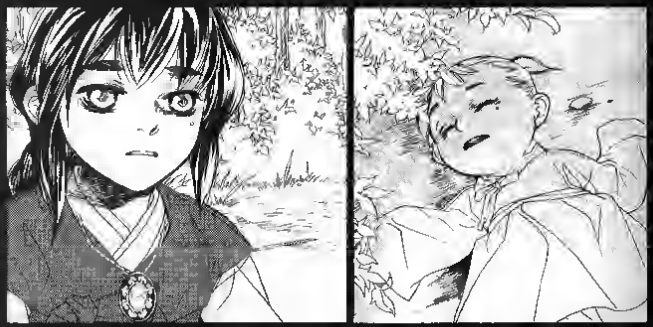
...SUDDENLY AT PEACE.

I'M SO SORRY...

YOU HAD SUCH A GREAT PAIN INSIDE OF YOU

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT...





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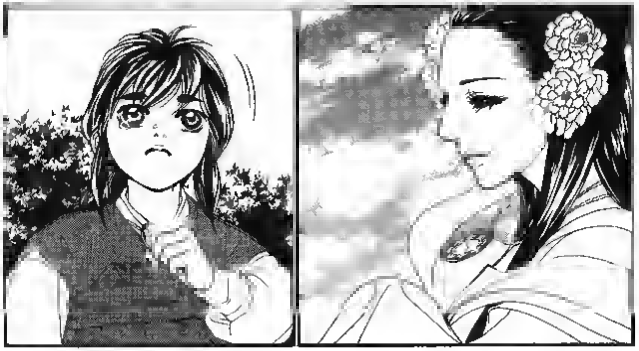
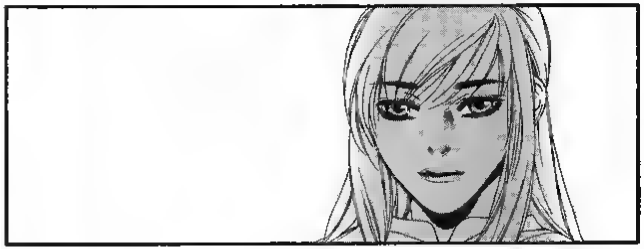
CLENCH
FIST



MOTHER...



Special Commentary From
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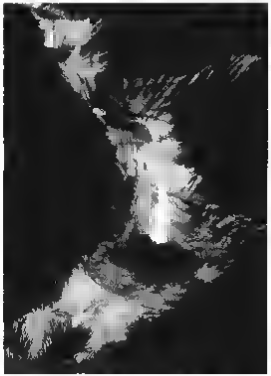
ONE A MAN AND A WOMAN

I FINALLY FINISHED VOLUME 4. I ATTEMPTED A SCARY STORY (WELL, SCARY TO ME) FOR THE FIRST TIME. I WONDER WHAT READERS THINK ABOUT THIS.

I'VE READ ARTICLES ABOUT KOREAN HUSBANDS LOOKING FOR RUNAWAY VIETNAMESE BRIDES OR KOREAN-CHINESE WIVES. IT MAKES ME THINK OF "THE ANGEL AND THE WOODSMAN" AS MORE THAN JUST A STORY. I'M HAPPY THAT THE STATUS OF WOMEN CONTINUES TO IMPROVE. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S HEALTHY WHEN THE FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS TURNS INTO A BATTLE OF THE SEXES. IF EACH SIDE STEPPED BACK AND TRIED TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER, I BELIEVE THAT WE'D HAVE A WORLD THAT IS FAIR TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS. WHEN GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN, HE MEANT THEM TO LOVE EACH OTHER.

I WAS TOLD THAT I POSED AS A FEMINIST WHILE I WAS WORKING ON THIS VOLUME. I'M NOT A FEMINIST. I HOPE YOU CONSIDER THIS VOLUME AS MORE OF A PARABLE FOR MEN. I HEAR THAT SCHOLARS USE "GENDER STUDIES" INSTEAD OF "FEMINISM" NOWADAYS. THIS PHENOMENON OF NOT SIDING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER COULD DEVELOP POSITIVELY INTO SOMETHING LIKE "MEN ARE FROM MARS AND WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS."



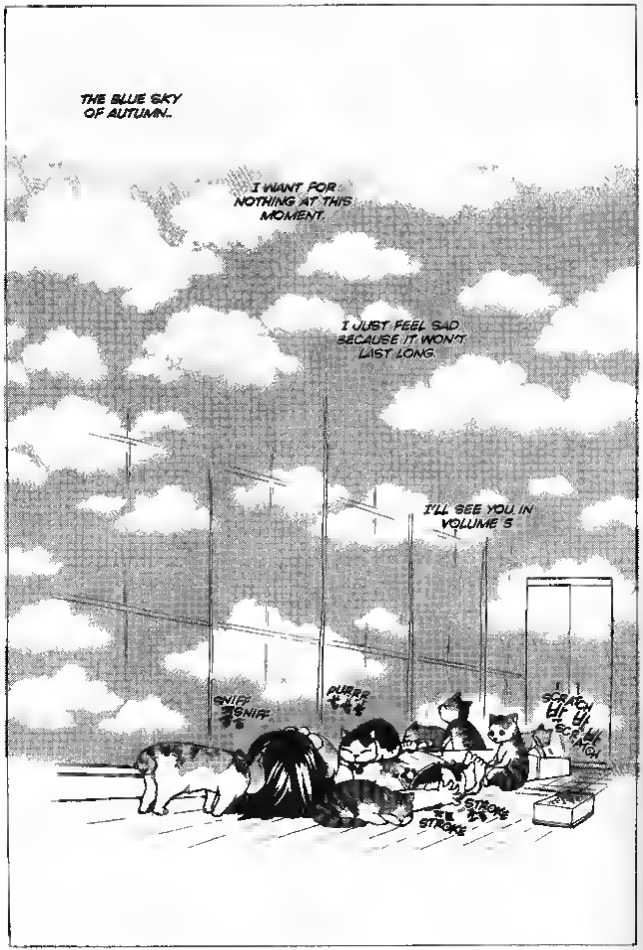
↑ GANG-PAL FALLS, WHERE AN ANGEL SUPPOSEDLY RUINED HER LIFE BY TAKING A BATH

TWO UNIVERSAL TALE

SOME READERS MIGHT WONDER WHY "THE ANGEL AND THE WOODSMAN" APPEARS IN THIS BOOK. HOW DID SEHARA KNOW ABOUT THIS TALE?

ACTUALLY, "THE ANGEL AND THE WOODSMAN" STORIES CAN BE FOUND GLOBALLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERHAPS AUSTRALIA. IT'S KNOWN AS "THE SWAN MAIDEN'S TALE" IN EUROPE AND "A BIRD WOMAN'S TALE" IN MONGOLIA. THE BIRD WOMAN CHANGES INTO AN ANGEL IN CHINA BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF TAOISM.

OTHER UNIVERSAL STORIES INCLUDE "NOAH'S ARK" AND "CINDERELLA." WHEN I WAS YOUNG I THOUGHT THE KOREAN VERSION OF CINDERELLA, "KONG-JUI AND POT-JUI," PLAGIARIZED CINDERELLA ^^. THESE UNIVERSAL STORIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS AN EXCHANGE OF CULTURE AMONG ALL THE DIFFERENT PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.


THE BLUE SKY OF AUTUMN..
I WANT FOR NOTHING AT THIS MOMENT.
I JUST FEEL SAD BECAUSE IT WON'T LAST LONG.
I'LL SEE YOU IN VOLUME 5
SNIFF SNIFF
PURR
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
STROKE
STROKE

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